#### Office of Emergency Communications

Update to
Arizona Public Safety
Communications Advisory Commission

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- Emergency Communications Progress Since 9/11 10 Years Later
  - <u>Every State</u>, and territory has an approved Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP).
  - Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWICs) were established in every State and territory to implement each State's plan.
  - OEC established the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) as a forum for States to share information with each other.
  - Statewide Interoperability Governing Bodies (SIGB) in every State and territory to support strategic planning and decision making in the States.
  - OEC's Technical Assistance (TA) program provides States, urban areas, localities, and tribes with training, tools, and onsite assistance to advance emergency communications capabilities.
    - 590 requests for TA since 2007
    - 420 TA visits conducted

Homeland

#### Technical Assisstance

- 9/27/11 Tactical Interoperable Communications (TIC) Field Operations Guide (FOG) development meeting @ Phoenix Fire Training Center
- 10/24/11 All Hazards COMT Training
- Additional TAs Approved for remaining FY 11 funds and completed by 12/31/11
  - Dispatch SOP development
  - Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan (TICP) Workshop
- New 2012 TA Catalog should be released by Oct 1, 2011. There are new offerings.
- P25 standards testing continues
  - Dallas P25 and neighboring jurisdiction P25 system. ISSI Emergency Alarm
     / Emergency Alarm Cancellation



- Southwest Border Communications Working Group (SWBCWG)
  - 10/13/11 next meeting in Las Cruces, New Mexico
- National Emergency Communications Plan Goal 2 Update
  - East Coast States delayed on some Goal 2 inputs due to Hurricane Irene
  - Arizona has completed observations
- SCIP Implementation Report Deadline extended to October 31 2011
- National Interoperability Field Operations Guide (NIFOG)
  - New revision, G released September 12 2011
    - Updated Line-of- Sight table
    - Updated aviation frequencies
  - New HTML browser version coming very soon
  - New smartphone applications are under development that will use locality based information.



#### Border Interoperability Demonstration Project (BIDP)

- \$3,994,443 for the Yuma Full Voice and Data Integration Demonstration Project.
- 9/12/11 Grantee Kick Off meeting in Washington D.C.
  - Mr. Stephen Holland from Yuma, Arizona attended
  - Also, Suesan Nordman, PSIC and Lisa Hansen, AZDOHS
- Technical Assistance, same team from DHS/OEC, same wide range of assistance, just different pot of money, available specifically for BIDP grantees.

#### National Emergency Alert System (EAS) test

- November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 2 p.m. EST
- First nationwide test of the system
- PSAPs should be aware of this and expect additional calls



#### Thursday, September 9th Power Outage, Southern CA

- 15:40 hours Power is lost to Southern California (Orange County south to San Diego), Northern Mexico, and as far as east as Yuma, Arizona. Impacting 7 million people.
  - Public Safety Radio systems function but in a lessened capacity. Affiliation issues.
  - Cellular phone systems crash and do not recover for hours
    - Texting and e-mail on smartphones continues to function
  - San Diego International Airport shutdown
  - All schools ordered closed for Friday
  - Looting occurs in some communities
- 03:00 hours Friday, power restored to all areas









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